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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Minoru TESHIGAWARA) : Examiner: O. Akpati
Application No.: 09/879,994) : Group Art Unit: 2135
Filed: June 14, 2001) :
For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND) February 24, 2006
APPARATUS AND IMAGE :
PROCESSING SYSTEM)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir.

In response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2005, please amend the
application as follows: